

REAL ID: **OVERVIEW**

City and County of Honolulu • Department of Customer Services

REAL ID-Compliant Driver's Licenses and State ID Cards Overview

Beginning **May 7, 2025**, only federal compliant REAL ID driver's licenses and state ID cards will be accepted to get on a domestic airline flight and to enter certain federal buildings and military bases. A United States Passport or military ID can be used as an alternate identification for these purposes.

On January 16, 2018, the City and County of Honolulu began issuing new and renewed driver's licenses and state IDs bearing **a star in a gold circle** that indicates full compliance with new Department of Homeland Security guidelines. Valid Hawaii driver's licenses and state ID cards comply with Department of Homeland Security standards until **May 7, 2025**.

Federal and state law allows you to have only ONE REAL ID-compliant card. You can no longer have both. Residents must choose either a compliant driver's license or state ID. Licenses and state ID cards already issued will remain valid through their expiration date.

When acquiring or renewing a driver's license or state ID card, residents must indicate on the application whether the card will be federal compliant REAL ID. There is no additional fee for the star marking.



The graphic features a teal background with a large white star in the upper right corner. A black airplane is flying towards the star. On the left, there is a sample of a Hawaii Driver License with a gold star in the upper right corner. The text "Be REAL ID Ready" is written in large, bold, black letters. Below it, the text "By May 7, 2025," is written in white. To the right of this, the text "Your driver's license must have a 'star' in a gold circle in the upper right-hand corner to board domestic flights and access certain federal buildings" is written in white.

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